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**LIGHTERS TO BE PROHIBITED ON FLIGHTS TO THE UNITED STATES  
AS OF APRIL 14, 2005**

As of April 14, 2005, all lighters will be prohibited on flights to and within the United States, including in carry-on and checked luggage. This includes butane, absorbed-fuel (Zippo-type), electric or battery-powered and novelty lighters.

The United States classifies lighters as hazardous materials, and prohibits them from being stowed in carry-on bags or in checked baggage. Transportation Security officials will dispose of lighters brought to airport checkpoints. Passengers at some airports may be able to ship them via a private company for a fee, but the Transportation Security Administration strongly urges passengers to thoroughly inspect their carry-on and checked baggage for these items before going to the airport.

This action is in response to a provision in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which was signed into law by the President on December 17, 2004. The lighter ban will fulfill Congress' intent as expressed in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act and reduce security vulnerabilities, providing one more layer of security for the nation's travelers.

For further information, consult the Transportation Security Administration website at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) or contact the Press and Information Office of the U.S. Embassy in Paris.